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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

June 04, 2019

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

33 June 4, 2019

CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT STATE FUNDS UNDER CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 63 (MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT) – MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH ACTIVITIES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) requests your Board's approval to enter into a contract with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to receive funding under Proposition 63 (MHSA) for mental health outreach activities. The grant covers the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DMVA, or her designee, to execute a one-year contract with CDVA for the provision of veteran's mental health outreach activities. The maximum sum for the one-year term will be \$49,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Funding will be used to expand and enhance the Department's Veteran's Outreach Liaison (VOL) program by existing veteran intern items. The VOL will focus on the hard to reach, the vulnerable population of men and women veterans (other than honorable military discharge) and their family members, who do not seek services and often identify themselves as veterans. Working with the

Department of Mental Health and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the VOL will integrate with the community outreach teams to link veterans to early

intervention and prevention mental health service. The goal is to identify, assess, and link veterans and family members to mental health and supportive services such as housing, healthcare, education/training, and employment.

Board approval is required to accept grant funds from CDVA.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support the County's Strategic Goal 1: Make Investments That Transform Lives: Address society's most complicated social, health, and public safety challenges by increasing our focus on prevention initiatives; and enhancing our delivery of comprehensive interventions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended actions will have no impact on net county cost. The program is fully financed by California Proposition 63 mental health funds.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

California Proposition 63 (Mental Health Services ACT or MHSA), passed in 2004. It provides increased funding for personnel and other resources to support County mental health programs. DMVA initiated action to obtain a portion of those monies from CDVA to provide services to military veterans and their families.

CDVA awarded DMVA a grant of \$25,000 for the period January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015; a grant of \$20,000 from October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; and a grant of \$40,000 from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to support Mental Health Outreach and Supportive Services for veterans, including treatment and other related recovery programs. These programs reduce the long-term, adverse impact of untreated, serious mental illness.

The Department applied for funds awarded not to exceed \$49,000.

Payment will be made in accordance with an agreement between DMVA and CDVA which memorializes the use of the funds.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will enhance current services and ensure continuation of the Department's veteran's mental health outreach activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

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Upon approval of this request, please instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to send the original Board letter and attachments as soon as possible to:

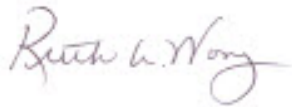
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Attention: Ruth A. Wong, Director

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruth A. Wong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

RUTH A. WONG

Director

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